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SUBJ: CONTINUED PRESS SPECULATION ON JUNE 12 GOI CABINET  
DISCUSSION

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1. ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS ACTIVE CONSULTATIONS IN JERUSALEM  
AIMED AT ARRIVING AT A COMPROMISE CABINET RESPONSE TO THE  
TWO U.S. QUESTIONS. THE FEELING IN THE PRESS IS THAT THERE  
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IS A TREND WITHIN THE CABINET TOWARD A POSITIVE, FORTHCOMING  
RESPONSE TO THE AMERICAN QUESTIONS. THE GUESS IS THAT THE  
CABINET WILL NOT HOLD ANOTHER MEETING THIS WEEK AND WILL  
MAKE ITS DECISION ON SUNDAY.

2. MOST PAPERS STATE THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF A COMPROMISE  
DRAFT BY BEGIN AND DAYAN IS GREATER THAN ONE BETWEEN BEGIN

AND WEIZMAN. THE PRESS SEES LITTLE CHANCE THAT BEGIN WILL GO ALONG WITH THE WEIZMAN PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT USED THE TERM "FINAL STATUS" WITH REGARD TO A DECISION ON THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AFTER FIVE YEARS. HA'ARETZ SAYS THIS PHRASE IS UNACCEPTABLE TO BEGIN BECAUSE IT GIVES A TEMPORARY CONNOTATION TO THE INTERIM AUTONOMY STATUS IN THE REGIONS. DAYAN, IN HIS PROPOSAL, DOES NOT USE THIS TERM, SUBSTITUTING INSTEAD THE TERM "FUTURE NATURE OF RELATIONS" BETWEEN ISRAEL, JORDAN, AND WEST BANK AND GAZA.

3. HA'ARETZ (BENZIMAN) REPORTS THAT THERE IS A LACK OF CLARITY REGARDING THE DATE WASHINGTON FEELS THAT TALKS ON THE PERMANENT STATUS OF THE WEST BANK SHOULD BEGIN. SOME MINISTERS ARE SAID TO BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE TO BEGIN BEFORE FIVE YEARS ARE REACHED. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES STATED THAT, AS THE GOI UNDERSTANDS IT, THE U.S. IS AIMING FOR THE DISCUSSIONS TO START AFTER FIVE YEARS ARE UP.

4. MA'ARIV REPORTS ON WIDESPREAD SPECULATION IN JERUSALEM AS TO WHETHER DAYAN INTENDS TO RESIGN IF HIS PROPOSAL IS NOT ACCEPTED BY THE CABINET. HOWEVER, IN AN ACCOMPANYING MA'ARIV ARTICLE, HARIF CLAIMS THAT IN A MEETING BETWEEN BEGIN AND DAYAN SUBSEQUENT TO MONDAY'S CABINET SESSION DAYAN DID NOT PUT FORTH ANY ULTIMATUMS OR THREATEN TO RESIGN. BOTH MA'ARIV AND YEDIOT SUGGEST THAT IF DAYAN DOES RESIGN, THE FOUR DMC CABINET MEMBERS WOULD NOT

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AUTOMATICALLY FOLLOW HIM, ALTHOUGH THAT REMAINS A POSSIBILITY.  
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